# Thomas Tallis Mass for 4 voices GB-Lbl Add. MSS 17802-5

Edited for SATB choir by Jeffrey Quick

#### Thomas Tallis: Mass in 4 voices Edition by Jeffrey Quick

This is a practical edition meant to make this mass possible for mixed choruses, by transposing it up a perfect fifth. I was shocked not to find such an edition anywhere online, created this one to meet my needs, and thought I should post it so that others would not have to do likewise. The text was taken from several published editions, which may and should be consulted for their critical commentary. Indeed, this should be done whenever possible, when using a cpdl edition, or any performance edition, as sourcing and accuracy are frequently suspect.

Note values have been reduced by half. The half note is the smallest value that should receive a beat. Any attempt to beat quarter notes will bog the tempo down and result in musical FAIL. On the other hand, a spacious tempo often seems indicated.

The only editorial decision that might be controversial is that I have evened end-of phrase cutoffs, where one voice has a different note value than others. Each of these instances is marked in the score.

The Gloria and Credo will require incipits for the priest. Everyone using this has access to a Liber Usualis (if not physically, then for free online: <a href="http://musicasacra.com/pdf/liberusualis.pdf">http://musicasacra.com/pdf/liberusualis.pdf</a>) and can choose incipits of the proper mode. Yes, I know, that's the editor's job. You get what you pay for. You will also need to provide a Kyrie for liturgical use; many English masses did not include the Kyrie as the Sarum rite used troped Kyries that varied seasonally.

Jeffrey Quick, 4/21/2010

Changes to  $2^{nd}$  ed. 1/2011:

- 1. Fixed a rendering problem in the Sanctus that kept several pages from displaying or printing in Windows.
- 2. Discovered that the Credo was not licit for use because of a large excision of text, common to many (but apparently not all) English masses of this period. I solved this problem by inserting the relevant portion of the Sarum Credo (they only used one, Credo I), as well as the incipits for the Gloria and Credo, taken from Nick Sandon, *The Use of Salisbury: The Ordinary of the Mass* (Newton Abbot UK: Antico, 1984). Note that they are at their original pitch, which means they are not in the same mode as the rest of the mass. This does not give offence to the ear or create problems for the singers. If purists have high enough voices to sing them up a fifth musically, be my guest.
- 3. Inserted missed slurs, improved layout.
- 4. The tenor line is high at this pitch. The alto line is low. Depending on the capabilities of your choir, feel free to perform this in F# or even F.

Changes to 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2/2013

- 1. REALLY fixed the rendering problem, this time. Didn't I?
- 2. Increased lyric font size from 12 pt to 14.



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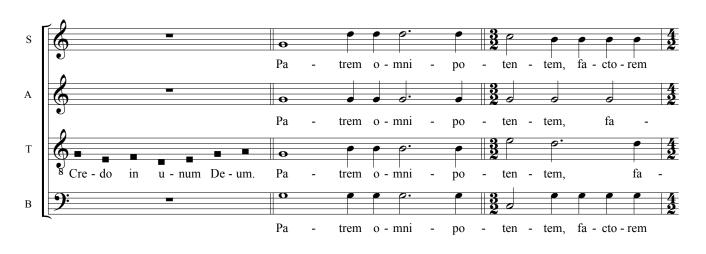


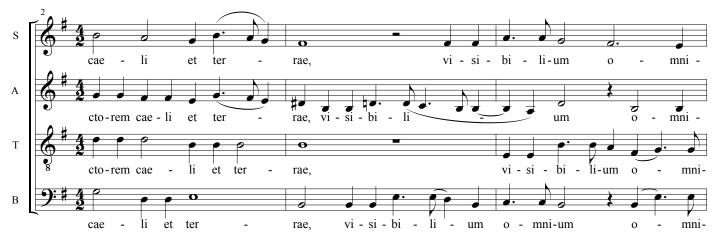


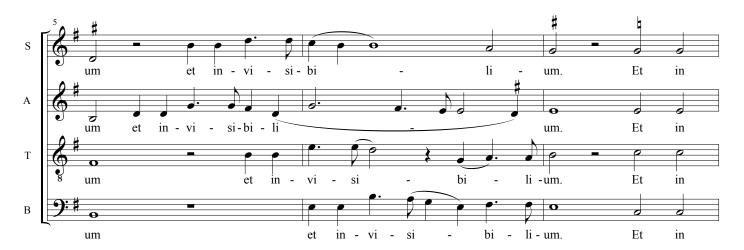


### II. Credo

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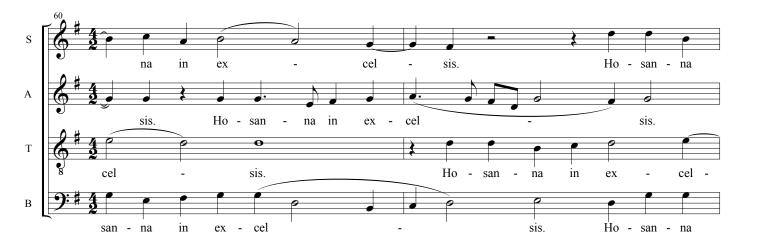


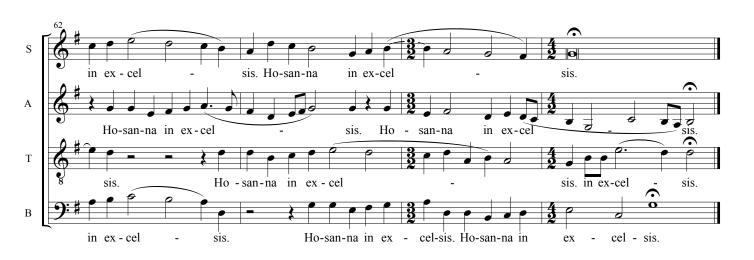












# IV. Agnus Dei

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